



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Our natural landscape is home to some of America's most beloved bodies of water, including Lake Superior and the Mississippi River, and thousands of others; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has the most shoreline of any state in the country and making water a defining feature of the North Star State; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans derive great joy from our state's bodies of water, turning out in large numbers each year to discover, play, relax, embark on new adventures, and create cherished memories; and
- WHEREAS: Fishing is a treasured tradition in Minnesota and is one of the biggest sectors of Minnesota's economy, generating over \$2 billion per year in direct retail sales and supporting 35,000 jobs; and
- WHEREAS: The quality of life enjoyed by Minnesotans is dependent upon the cleanliness of our lakes, rivers, and streams, and our abundance of safe drinking water, and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's waters are facing many challenges, and each of us has a responsibility to help address these challenges, and
- WHEREAS: It is incumbent upon every one of us, together as Minnesotans, to meet these challenges head-on, and to instill within ourselves a clean water ethic and a steadfast desire to help protect and preserve that which we hold so dear.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 2, 2018, as:

WATER ACTION DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 1st day of May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE